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SUBJECT: INVITATION TO KING SOBHUZA TO VISIT THE U.S.

1. THE TIMES OF SWAZILAND FOR JANUARY 16, 1976, CARRIED A STORY STATING "HIS MAJESTY KING SOBHUZA II HAS BEEN INVITED TO THE BICENTENARY CELEBRATIONS OF THE USA TO BE HELD IN THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA BETWEEN JUNE 27 AND JULY 10 THIS YEAR."

ACCORDING TO THIS REPORT, THE KING WAS ALSO ASKED TO SEND SWAZILAND'S NATIONAL SIBHACA (DANCE) TEAM TO THESE CELEBRATIONS. THIS NEWS WAS DISCLOSED BY THE KING'S SENIOR LIAISON OFFICER AT A MEETING WITH LOCAL INDUSTRIALISTS WHO WILL PRESUMABLY BE ASKED TO FINANCE THE DANCE TEAM'S VISIT.

2. THIS EMBASSY HAS HEARD NOTHING ABOUT ANY INVITATION TO THE KING TO VISIT THE U.S. THIS YEAR. WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING ASAP ANY INFORMATION DEPT CAN DEVELOP FROM GOS AMBASSADOR SIMELANE OR CITY OF PHILADELPHIA OFFICIALS WHO MAY BE FAMILIAR WITH THIS MATTER.

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